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A Report to the Citizens of the City of Fairfax



DATELINE

Free State, Federal Tax Prep Help Available

The Commissioner of the Revenue's Office provides free assistance with preparing and filing federal, state and estimated tax returns through April 2. Appointments are available from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays and from 5-8 p.m. Thursdays at Green Acres Center, 4401 Sideburn Road; call **703-385-7884**.

City residents who qualify may have state and federal income tax returns electronically filed for free. If refunds are anticipated, citizens could receive them more quickly than if the return is mailed.

The Commissioner of the Revenue's Office reviews all returns upon receipt and makes corrections if necessary.

Tax forms are available on the second floor of City Hall or from the city's web site. For **information**, call **703-385-7884**.

Federal Tax Assistance

The American Association for Retired Persons (AARP) and Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) offer free federal tax return assistance through early April by volunteers trained and certified by the IRS at:

- Gateway Computer, 11060 Lee Highway, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Fairfax City Regional Library, 3915 Chain Bridge Road, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays.

For information, call **703-385-7894**.

If you're new to the city, welcome!
Call 703-385-7855
for a new resident package.

City Budget Process Begins March 9

The budget is one of the most important documents for citizens to read and understand. It is a detailed description of how taxpayer money is spent and a fact-filled reference on the city government's structure and operations.

Citizens are invited to help the City Council determine the city's financial priorities for fiscal year 2004-05 by participating in the budget review.

The process begins when City Manager Bob Sisson presents the proposed budget to the City Council and the public March 9. The process continues until the City Council adopts the final version of the budget April 13.

To facilitate public input in a more informal setting, citizens are invited to attend a community outreach meeting on the proposed budget at 7 p.m. March 30 at Daniels Run Elementary School, 3705 Old Lee Highway.

The proposed budget document explains the goals of each of the city's de-

partments and their proposed programs and activities. The budget also includes the first year of the 5-year Capital Improvement Program, as well as water, sewer and transit funds.

Copies of the proposed budget will be available after March 9. For **information**, call **703-385-7870**.

Budget Meeting, Work Session Schedule

- March 9: work session
- March 16: work session
- March 17: work session
- March 23: public hearing
- April 6: work session
- April 13: budget adoption

Meetings and work sessions are cablecast live and replayed; see page 5. Additional meetings may be scheduled as needed. Schedule is subject to change.

Community Budget Outreach Meeting

March 30, 7 pm
Daniels Run Elementary School
(televised live and replayed; see page 5)

Historic Tours, Lecture, Encampment Planned in Spring

Citizens have many opportunities to explore Fairfax history in the spring. For **information**, call **703-385-8414**.

Talks, Walking Tour — Learn about the "Civil War Love Story of Antonia Ford and Joseph Willard" at a talk offered at 2 p.m. March 7 at the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main Street. The free lecture will be given by Susan Gray, the museum's curator.

On March 28, tour "Civil War Sites in Old Town Fairfax" with a knowledgeable guide. Tours begin at 1 p.m. at the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for youths. For information and **reservations**, call **703-385-8414**.

The talk and tour are programs centered around the museum's exhibit "Raids, Romance and Writings: Fairfax Court House in the Civil War." It includes Ford's letters written in 1863 and 1864, wooden panels from the Truro Rectory with names of Civil War soldiers and memorabilia from the life of Colonel John S. Mosby.

Civil War Weekend — The annual Fairfax Civil War Weekend will be held May 1-2 at the Blenheim Estate on Old Lee Highway. Activities will include hay rides, Civil War-era music, special speakers, drills and firing demonstrations.

The program will be available on the city's web site and in the April *Cityscene*.



NEWS & NOTES

BPOL Due March 1

The deadline for city businesses to file and pay for the City of Fairfax business license (BPOL) is March 1.

The postmark, not the postage meter date, will determine the filing and payment date of mailed applications.

License renewals and new licenses must be filed and paid to the Commissioner of the Revenue in City Hall.

For **information**, call **703-385-7880**.

March 2 is Deadline for General Election Filing

Candidate filings are due by 7 p.m. March 2 for Mayor (one position, 2-year term), City Council (six positions, 2-year term) and School Board (five positions, 2-year term).

Candidate information bulletins, filing papers and petitions are available from the State Board of Elections (**800-552-9745**) or the General Registrar's Office (**703-385-7890**).

Voter registration books close April 5. For **information**, call **703-385-7890**.

Celebrate Women's History Month March 6

Join the Commission for Women in celebrating its two decades of service and Women's History Month with the free program *Famous Fairfax Women: Getting to Know You* from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 6 at the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main Street.

Visitors age 8 and older may participate in activities focusing on famous Fairfax women, including Antonia Ford, who was arrested as a Confederate spy. Visitors may try their hands at piecing a quilt block and may take a walking tour to downtown sites associated with celebrated Fairfax women.

Refreshments will be served. For **information**, call **703-385-7894**.

Old Town Hall Performance Series Continues

The Old Town Hall Performance Series continues March 12 with the *Aldo Ragone*, piano and March 26 with the *Fairfax Jubil-Aires*. The free concerts begin at 8 p.m. at Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive.

For information, call **703-352-ARTS**.

Lecture Series Concludes March 17

The 2003-04 Old Town Hall Lecture Series concludes March 17 when English Professor Collin Owens lectures on "Old and New Ireland: From English Colony to Celtic Tiger."

The lecture begins at 7:30 p.m. in Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, and is followed by a reception. The series is sponsored by the city and GMU. For **information**, call **703-993-8846**.

Fairfax Band Features Student Soloist March 27

The City of Fairfax Band will share the stage with guest conductor James Barnes and a talented Northern Virginia high school soloist during *Heritage: Annual Young Artist Competition Concert* at 8 p.m. March 27 at Fairfax High School. Tickets cost \$8 for adults and \$5 for seniors and children. For **information**, call **703-757-0220**.

Firefighters, Police Honored for Excellence

Fairfax emergency workers recently were honored by the Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce.

Officer John Dever was named 2003 Police Officer of the Year for the apprehension of a suspected serial bank robber.

Dispatchers Betty I. Powers and Bradley R. Schuiteman were selected as a team for 2003 Dispatcher of the Year for their professionalism and teamwork during an armed robbery.

Battalion Chief Mark Ciarrocca was named 2003 Career Firefighter/Paramedic of the Year for his planning and organizing efforts for two department rescue engine schools and for his work as program manager for the Telestaff system, a computerized staffing program.

Captain Tom Olander was named 2003 Volunteer Firefighter of the Year for his work as the membership committee chair and as representative of the department's Safety Committee.

April is Spring Cleanup Time in Fairfax

Citizens can clean up their neighborhoods with the city's assistance on April 24, and throughout the month of April.

The city will provide trash bags, collect the used trash bags and provide safety support for cleanup crews on Spring Cleanup Day.

For **information**, call **703-385-7995**.

Recipes Sought for New Chocolate Cookbook

Chocolate lovers may help celebrate the City of Fairfax's bicentennial by submitting recipes for the fourth edition of the *Chocolate Lovers Cookbook*.

All recipes should have chocolate as an ingredient and can be for any type of food or course. Recipe submissions should include the name of person submitting the recipe, a telephone number (for information clarification only), recipe name, ingredients, cooking directions and number of servings.

Please submit recipes by April 30 to Patsy Maddox, 10604 Kitty Pozer Drive, Apt. I, Fairfax, VA 22030 or e-mail to patsy.maddox@cardinalbank.com.

Published by the Chocolate Lovers Festival Committee, this cookbook will be available for purchase beginning in September. For information, visit www.chocolatefestival.net or call **703-591-2450**.

Report Overgrown Lots, Vegetation

Property owners are responsible for cutting grass and other vegetation on their property, whether the property is in use or vacant.

If grass and weeds reach a height of one foot or more on any property, the Department of Public Works will issue a notice requiring weeds to be cut within 10 days. If this is not done, the city will cut the offending vegetation at the property owner's expense.

For **information**, call **703-385-7995**.



Spotlight on the Arts will be held April 16 to May 9 in and around Fairfax. Look for the schedule in the April Cityscene, or visit www.fairfaxspotlight.org.

Projected Assessments Reflect Strong Real Estate Market

The real estate market in the City of Fairfax and throughout the region continues to thrive, resulting in noticeable increases in city real property assessments again this year.

Projected real estate assessments show an 11.8 percent overall increase, which reflects an increase of more than \$392 million in assessed value. Real estate assessments were mailed in February.

Residential assessments have increased by about 13 percent. Of that, existing single family and townhome properties are projected to increase by 12 percent overall, with increases ranging from 4 percent to more than 30 percent in different areas of the city.

Condominium sales prices have risen dramatically; the resulting assessment increases average 20 percent.

Residential new construction totals about \$10.5 million this year.

Commercial real estate assessments, which constitute roughly 35 percent of the total assessments, will increase by about 8.7 percent overall this year.

The values of commercial condominium units are expected to increase by 16 percent, and rental office building

values are expected to increase by about 10.5 percent, as vacancy and rental rates remain somewhat stable. Values on retail properties are expected to increase by about 10 percent overall, while flex/warehouse and other non-office commercial properties should see lesser increases of just more than 5 percent. This year, the value added for commercial new construction will total a little more than \$1.3 million.

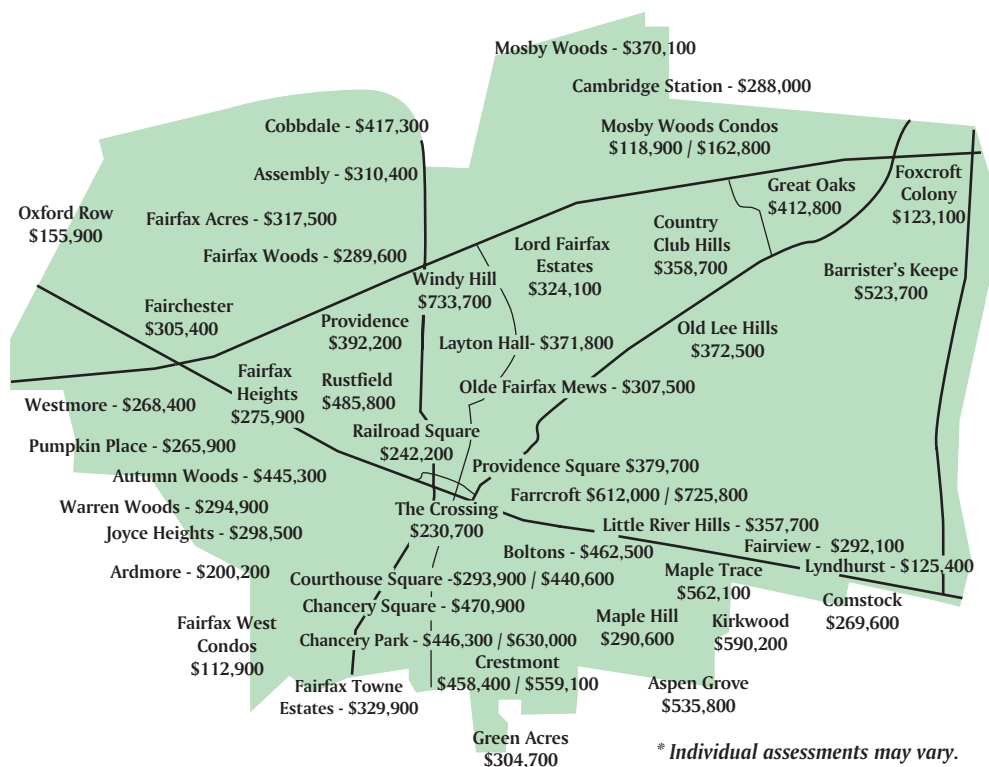
Revenues projected from real estate assessments are central to the city's annual budget. The City Council will set the 2004 tax rate during the budget process, which begins March 9. The tax rate determines the amount of real estate taxes paid for the 2004 calendar year.

Real estate assessments, made each year, are effective January 1. Virginia law requires the assessed values of real property reasonably reflect fair market value as indicated by recent sales, and must be equitable with the assessments placed on comparable properties.

Real estate assessment and sales information, appeal forms instructions and other information are accessible on the city's web site.

For **information**, call **703-385-7840**.

2004 Projected Average Residential Assessments*



* Individual assessments may vary.

Real Estate Q&As

Q: What do the values on the map, below at left, represent?

The figures shown on the map are averages, calculated by adding up the projected assessments in each neighborhood and dividing by the number of properties located there. Actual assessed values will vary.

Q: How are residential assessments calculated?

Residential property values are estimated based on recent sales of homes that are similar in size, style and age, that are located in the same neighborhood. Assessments are adjusted on an individual basis to reflect the differences between properties, such as condition and amenities such as extra bathrooms, decks or garages.

This approach is considered to be the most reliable in determining market value. It reflects the actions of buyers in the marketplace and is based on the principle that a typical buyer will not purchase property at a price higher than the selling price of similar property.

Q: How are new homes assessed?

New home assessments are based on the property's sales price — base price and adjustments for added amenities.

Base prices for newly constructed homes can change often within a year's time, resulting in notable differences in the sales prices of similar properties.

As the neighborhood stabilizes and properties are resold, the city can more easily determine the true value of the properties based on differences in home styles and amenities.

Q: What if I don't agree with my property assessment?

Once assessment notices are mailed, property owners have 30 days to appeal, either by calling **703-385-7840**, or visiting the Real Estate Assessment Office in City Hall.

Should a dispute still exist following an administrative review of the assessment, citizens may appeal to the Board of Equalization, which may affirm or change the assessment. *Next month: learn about commercial assessments and land valuation.*

INFORMATION: 703-385-7840



City Cemetery Lots Available

Cemetery sites are available at the City Cemetery, which is located at 10567 Main Street. Sites may be purchased by present or former city residents. The cemetery office is open 7:30-11:30 a.m. weekdays. For information, call 703-385-7997.

Refuse Container Size Limited

City Code limits the size of refuse containers to 31 gallons.

Citizens using larger containers must take the containers to the curb. Refuse in these containers must be in bags.

Refuse workers will not dump oversize containers but will remove bagged refuse from containers for disposal.

City Collects Many Items; Dirt Collection Requires Arrangements

Special collection service is available only to city residents. Materials resulting from the work of contractors will not be collected.

Materials must be separated, at the curb as most are recycled.

Appliances, metals, yard waste, brush cut into eight foot lengths, lumber, stumps, asphalt shingles, asphalt and concrete are collected on your regular refuse collection day.

The city will remove one truck load of materials such as asphalt, concrete and dirt.

Before placing dirt at the curb, please call 703-385-7995 to arrange for collection.

To assist citizens with refuse and recyclables disposal, the city has published a flyer titled *How to Dispose of Items in the City*. For a copy, call 703-385-7855.

INFORMATION: 703-385-7995

Seniors, Disabled Homeowners Have Additional Real Estate Tax Relief Options

Real property owners in the city have received information on the city's enhanced real estate tax relief program for senior citizens and homeowners with disabilities.

The expanded program adds options that open the program to a greater number of residents and gives qualified participants a choice in program options.

Qualified homeowners can choose from four options, effective for tax year 2004:

- basic tax relief option, which allows either full or partial tax relief on a sliding scale based on income
- tax deferral, which allows participants the option of deferring payment of the

real estate taxes to a future date

- tax freeze, which freezes the amount of real estate tax assessed in the year in which the taxpayer initially applied and became qualified
- A combination of a tax freeze and deferral.

The city also has increased the maximum asset limit to \$195,000 (excluding the residents' homes). The combined gross income limit for participants remains \$52,000.

To obtain an application, visit the city's web site or call 703-385-7870. Completed applications are due to the Department of Finance by April 15.

For information, call 703-385-7870.

Keep Signs on Private Property, Off Poles

Help keep the city beautiful and clutter-free by following the city's sign regulations.

Signs for community events and yard sales may be placed on private property (with permission of the property owner), but not in the public right-of-way.

Signs placed on traffic signs in traffic islands, median strips, CUE Bus shelters and other public areas in the city are in violation of the City Code, and the city will collect and dispose of them.

Citizens may not post signs on telephone poles or trees in the public right-of-way. Staples and nails injure workers who use the poles. Nail holes make trees susceptible to insect damage and disease. For information, call 703-385-7820.

No signs may have balloons or pennants attached to them.

Yard sale signs — Yard sale signs may

be posted on private property only with the permission of the property owner. Signs may be two square feet or smaller and may be posted for 24 hours before an event and must be removed by 9 pm the final day of the event.

Real estate signs — A real estate sign may be posted only on the property for sale or rent and may be no larger than four square feet in area and no more than five feet high. Open house signs may be placed only on private property, with the property owner's consent, and at least eight feet from the public right-of-way.

Election signs — Election signs are allowed on private property within eight feet of the curb. Signs may be displayed for no more than 30 days and must be removed within three days after an election. Permits are required for all election signs; call 703-385-7820.

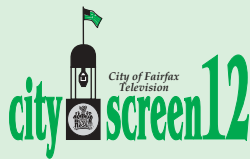
Volunteers Sought for City Advisory Boards

- **Board of Zoning Appeals** (one vacancy) — decides on certain special use permits, special exceptions and requests for variances from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance. Acts on appeals from any order or decision of the zoning administrator. Court appointed.
- **Commission on the Arts** (one vacancy) — encourages and provides opportunities for artistic expression within the city.
- **Historic Fairfax City, Inc.** (one vacancy) — a non-profit organization concerned with promoting interest in and preserving the city's history; administers the city museum and visitor center.
- **Park and Recreation Advisory Board** (one vacancy) — studies and makes recommendations to the city council on park and recreation facilities and programs.
- **Personnel Advisory Board** (one vacancy) — hears grievances of city employees which ready the fifth and final step of the grievance procedure.

Incumbents do not wish reappointment. Applicants must be registered voters and have lived in the city for at least one year. Submit letters of interest by March 29 to

City Manager Bob Sisson. Vacancies are subject to change.

For information, call 703-385-7935.



MARCH CABLE SCHEDULE

Let's Talk City...

Thursdays at 7 pm

Join Mayor Robert F. Lederer as he talks with City Councilmembers, the community and city staff about current topics of interest.

At 7 pm March 4 and 11, Cityscreen-12 will replay the February *Let's Talk City*.

A new edition of the call-in show will be cablecast live at 7 pm March 18. The show will replay at 7 pm March 25, April 1 and 8. To submit questions, e-mail vbaltz@fairfaxva.gov or call **703-385-7850**.

City Council Meetings Also Shown on Channel 35

City Council meetings now show on Cox Communication Channel 35 at 8:30 pm Thursdays and 10 am Sundays following the live cablecast of the meeting.

The Fairfax Scene

Through March 14, *The Fairfax Scene* will feature the 2004 Chocolate Lovers Festival. See Cityscreen-12 for information on *The*

Fairfax Scene in March.

The Fairfax Scene plays at 2 pm daily and at 7 pm on Saturdays and Sundays.

Focal Point Plays Saturdays

At 11 am Saturdays, watch programs produced by students of the Fairfax High School Academy for Communications and the Arts.

School Board Meeting

Monday, March 1, 7:30 pm, **LIVE**

Tuesday, March 2, 10 am, replay

Thursday, March 4, 7:30 pm, replay

Planning Commission Meetings

Monday, March 8, 7:30 pm, **LIVE**

Tuesday, March 9, 10 am, replay

Thursday, March 11, 7:30 pm, replay

Monday, March 22, 7:30 pm, **LIVE**

Tuesday, March 23, 10 am, replay

Thursday, March 25, 7:30 pm, replay

City Council Meetings and Work Sessions

Tuesday, March 9, 7 pm, **LIVE**

Wednesday, March 10, 10 am, 7 pm, replay

Friday, March 12, 10 am, 7 pm, replay

Tuesday, March 16, 7 pm, **LIVE**

Thursday, March 18, 10 am and 7:30 pm, replay

Wednesday, March 17, 7 pm, **LIVE**

Friday, March 19, 10 am, 7 pm, replay

Tuesday, March 23, 7 pm, **LIVE**

Wednesday, March 24, 10 am, 7 pm, replay

Friday, March 26, 10 am, 7 pm, replay

Community Budget Outreach Meeting

Tuesday, March 30, 7 pm, **LIVE**

Wednesday, March 31, 10 am, 7 pm, replay

Friday, April 2, 10 am, 7 pm, replay

Programming is subject to change — see Cityscreen-12 to confirm the programming schedule.



Proposed Agendas for City Council, Planning Commission, School Board

City Council (for information, call 703-385-7935)

March 9 regular meeting and work session

- Consideration of General Development Agreement for Old Town Fairfax.
- Public hearing on an ordinance amending Article II, Chapter 66 of the City Code pertaining to changes in the Retirement Plan for City Employees.
- Presentation by the city manager of the proposed operating budget for fiscal year 2004-05.
- Presentation of the fiscal year 2003 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report by the city's auditors.
- Discussion of the proposed Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Plan for fiscal year 2004-05 to 2008-09.

March 16 and March 17 work sessions

- Presentations by city departments of the proposed operating budget for fiscal year 2004-05.

March 23 regular meeting and work session

- Public hearings: of the proposed operating budget for fiscal year 2004-05; on appeal by Cary Lusk, Lee Highway Associates, Guitar Center Shopping Center regarding the Board of Architectural Review decision to not approve façade renovations (BAR547-03-6) at 11051-11055 Lee Highway (deferred from February 10).

Planning Commission (for information, call 703-385-7930)

March 8 regular meeting

March 22 regular meeting

- No agenda items have been set.

School Board (for information, call 703-385-7910)

March 1 regular meeting

March 15 work session

- No agenda items have been set.

Meeting information is subject to change; call to confirm meeting information.

SENIOR CENTER

- Receive free tax assistance by appointment through April 2; call **703-385-7884**.
- Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a potluck at 10:30 a.m. March 15.
- Travel to the Pentagon City Mall and lunch (on your own) at American Cafe at 10 a.m. March 19.
- Go to the Einstein Planetarium at 10 a.m. March 24. Cost is \$6 and lunch is on your own.
- Veterans of foreign wars and friends gather for coffee and conversation from 8-9 a.m. weekdays.
- Play intermediate contract bridge from 9:30 a.m. to noon Mondays.
- Learn contract bridge at 10 a.m. to noon Wednesdays.
- Keep fit by using the workout room at the center from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.

The Senior Center is located at 4401 Sideburn Road.

INFORMATION: 703-359-2487



Did you know

Emergency Preparedness Guide Available

Citizens may obtain a copy of *Your Guide to Emergency Preparedness*, a booklet sponsored by the Northern Virginia Regional Commission, [on the city's web site](#).

Copies also are available at City Hall and at the Fairfax City Regional Library.

Let the City of Fairfax Police Department install or check the installation of your child safety seat. For an appointment, call 703-279-7999.

Marriage Licenses Issued by Circuit Court

Marriage licenses for city residents are issued by the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Third Floor, Judicial Center, 4110 Chain Bridge Road.

The fee is \$30 cash. Neither blood tests nor witnesses are required, and there is no waiting period.

The license is valid for 60 days and the marriage must take place in Virginia. Both parties must appear before the clerk.

For [information](#), call 703-691-7320.

Household Hazardous Waste Dropoff Available

Citizens may take oil base paint, household cleaners, insecticide, cleaning chemicals, gasoline, and other petroleum products to the Fairfax County Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Site at 4618 West Ox Road.

The site is open 1-5 p.m. Thursdays, 8 a.m. to noon Fridays and 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays. For information, call 703-324-5230.

Visible Addresses Save Lives

Every second counts in an emergency, and precious time can be lost if the police or fire departments cannot identify the address on a building.

Each building in the city should have its address clearly marked on the facade.

To make addresses easy to read, consider using block rather than script lettering. Numbers should be large enough

to see from the street and should contrast sharply with the building's background.

Illuminate the numbers with lights or use reflective material on the numbers so they are visible at night and in inclement weather.

Also, make sure shrubbery and architectural features do not obscure the numbers.

For [information](#), call 703-273-8109.

NextBus Offers Real-Time CUE Bus Information

Make commuting easier: find out when the next CUE Bus will arrive at your stop, courtesy of the NextBus System. The city is the first jurisdiction on the East Coast to implement this technology.

NextBus displays, providing real-time arrival information, are posted at:

- Vienna/Fairfax-GMU Metrorail Station
- GMU bus shelter on Patriot Circle
- Pickett Road and Mathy Drive
- Old Lee Highway and Old Pickett Road
- Chain Bridge Road and Lee Highway
- Jermantown Road, between Lee Highway and James Swart Circle

CUE Bus arrival times are online at www.nextbus.com. NextBus information may be obtained using mobile or handheld devices with remote Internet access, including laptop computers, cellular phones, Palm Pilots and BlackBerrys.

CUE Buses with onboard receivers are tracked by NextBus using Global Positioning Satellites (GPS). For [information](#), call 703-385-7889.

"Debit and Forget It" with Utility Bills

Residential utility customers now may use automated payment for City of Fairfax quarterly water and sewer bills.

With the Automated Bank Debit Service Program, the city automatically debits the water customer's bank account on the bill's due date. Direct debit customers continue receiving quarterly bills marked "paid by direct debit."

To enroll, customers must complete and submit a form that provides bank information.

Direct debit enrollment forms are available on the city's web site or from

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& forget it!**
City of Fairfax

the Treasurer's Office in City Hall. Forms may be mailed or dropped off to the Treasurer's Office.

The city offers water and sewer customers many convenient ways to pay bills in person, by mail, drop-off and on the Internet. For [information](#), call 703-385-7900 or [visit the city's web site](#).

Limited DMV Services Available in City Hall

Limited DMV services are available from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays in the Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue, Room 210 in City Hall.

These services are:

- Titles: original, substitute, replacement, maintenance
- Registration: original, renewal, transfer, re-issue, surrender
- Special or personalized license plate requests
- Trip or overload permits
- Original handicapped parking placards
- Voter registration applications
- Driver transcript requests
- Title and registration transactions for dealers
- Name and address changes that do not involve issuance of a drivers license or ID card

Please note: the limited DMV Office in City Hall does not issue drivers licenses or state identification cards.

These limited services, provided through the Treasurer and the Commissioner of the Revenue, make it easier for citizens to register their vehicles with the City of Fairfax and the DMV.

For [information](#), call 703-385-7880.

Fairfax Memorabilia Available

Help friends and family remember Fairfax — purchase Fairfax memorabilia at the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main Street.

The museum gift shop offers a large variety of items, including the books *Fairfax, Virginia: A City Traveling Through Time* and *The City of Fairfax Band — The First 25 Years: Fact and Opinion*, a stylish embroidered tote and salt boxes featuring Fairfax's historic buildings.

The museum is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily (except for major holidays). For [information](#), call 703-385-8414.

City of Fairfax Community Calendar

March 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Check e-mail address books so they reflect accurate City of Fairfax government e-mail addresses: first initial last name @fairfaxva.gov (example: rissison@fairfaxva.gov).</p> <p>7</p> <p>Lecture: The Civil War Love Story of Antonia Ford and Joseph Willard, 2 pm, Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center</p> <p>American Youth Philharmonic, 3 pm, GMU Center for the Arts</p>	<p>1 12</p> <p>BPOL due School Board meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall (televised live and replayed on Cityscreen-12)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Candidate filings due for May 4 general election</p>	<p>3</p> <p>InterService Club Council meeting, noon, Red Lobster</p> <p>Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Treasurer and Commissioner of the Revenue offices open until 7 pm</p> <p>GMU Faculty Recital: Brian Jones, Clarinet, 7:30 pm, GMU Harris Theater</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Bingo, 7:30 pm, Fire Station 3 (proceeds benefit the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)</p> <p>Movie: Kill Bill, Vol. 1, 6 pm, 9 pm, GMU Johnson Center</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Famous Fairfax Women: Getting to Know You, 11 am to 2 pm, Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center</p> <p>Fairfax Art League meeting, 1 pm, Wood Complex</p> <p>Movie: Kill Bill, Vol. 1, 6 pm, 9 pm, GMU Johnson Center</p>
<p>8 12</p> <p>Planning Commission meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall (live and replayed on Cityscreen-12)</p> <p>Fairfax Art League Exhibit and Reception, 7 pm, Old Town Hall</p> <p>Bicentennial Committee meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall</p>	<p>9 12</p> <p>City Council meeting and work session, 7 pm, City Hall (televised live and replayed; see schedule on page 5)</p> <p>Book Collecting Club meeting, 7 pm, Fairfax City Regional Library</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Summer recreation program registration begins</p> <p>Historic Fairfax City, Inc. meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Park and Recreation Advisory Board meeting, 7 pm, Wood Complex</p> <p>Spotlight on the Arts Committee meeting, 7:30 pm, Wood Complex</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Independence Day logo design submissions due</p> <p>Bingo, 7:30 pm, Fire Station 3 (proceeds benefit the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)</p> <p>Aldo Ragnone, 8 pm, Old Town Hall</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Antiques Show sponsored by Soroptimist International, 10 am to 6 pm, GMU Field House</p> <p>Irish Country Dancing, 7:30 pm, Wood Complex</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Antiques Show sponsored by Soroptimist International, 11 am to 5 pm, GMU Field House</p> <p>Canadian Brass, 2 pm, GMU Center for the Arts</p> <p>Carolyn Fessler, clarinet, 7 pm, GMU Harris Theater</p>
<p>15</p> <p>School Board work session, 7:30 pm, Lanier Middle School</p> <p>Reading: Robert Girardi, fiction, 8 pm, GMU Center for the Arts</p>	<p>16 12</p> <p>City Council work session, 7 pm, City Hall (live and replayed; see schedule on page 5)</p> <p>Commission for Women meeting, 7 pm, City Hall</p> <p>Commission on the Arts meeting, 7:30 pm, Wood Complex</p>	<p>17 12</p> <p>City Council work session, 7 pm, City Hall (live and replayed; see page 5)</p> <p>Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall</p> <p>Old and New Ireland: From English Colony to Celtic Tiger by Collin Owens, 7:30 pm, Old Town Hall</p>	<p>18 12</p> <p>Let's Talk City, 7 pm, City Hall (televised live and replayed; see page 5)</p> <p>City of Fairfax/Republican Committee meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall</p> <p>Independence Day Celebration Committee meeting, 7:30 pm, Wood Complex</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Applications due for Fall Festival and Holiday Craft Show</p> <p>Movie: Veronica Guerin, 6 pm, 9 pm, GMU Johnson Center</p> <p>Bingo, 7:30 pm, Fire Station 3</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Movie: Veronica Guerin, 6 pm, 9 pm, GMU Johnson Center</p> <p>Fairfax Symphony Orchestra with the Fairfax Choral Society, 8 pm, GMU Center for the Arts</p>	<p>21</p> <p>U.S. Marine Band, 2 pm, GMU Center for the Arts</p>
<p>22 12</p> <p>Planning Commission meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall (televised live and replayed on Cityscreen-12)</p>	<p>23 12</p> <p>City Council meeting and work session, 7 pm, City Hall (televised live and replayed; see schedule on page 5)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Community Appearance Committee meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall</p> <p>GMU Jazz Ensemble, 8 pm, GMU Center for the Arts</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Fairfax City Democratic Committee meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall</p> <p>Movie: 21 Grams, 6 pm, 9 pm, GMU Johnson Center</p> <p>Book Sale, 6-9 pm, Fairfax City Regional Library</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Book Sale, 10 am to 5 pm, Fairfax City Regional Library</p> <p>Movie: Mona Lisa Smile, 6 pm, 9 pm, GMU Johnson Center</p> <p>Bingo, 7:30 pm, Fire Station 3</p> <p>Fairfax Jubil-Aires, 8 pm, Old Town Hall</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Book Sale, 10 am to 5 pm, Fairfax City Regional Library</p> <p>Movie: Mona Lisa Smile, 6 pm, 9 pm, GMU Johnson Center</p> <p>Annual Young Artist Competition by the City of Fairfax Band, 8 pm, Fairfax High School</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Walking Tour: Civil War Sites in Old Town Fairfax, 1 pm, Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center</p> <p>The Moscow Festival Ballet presents Cinderella, 2 pm, GMU Center for the Arts</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Board and commission applications due</p> <p>Reading: Patricia O'Toole, nonfiction, 8 pm, GMU Center for the Arts</p>	<p>30 12</p> <p>Proposed Budget Outreach Meeting, 7 pm, Daniels Run Elementary School (live and replayed on Cityscreen-12)</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Mice are Nice (ages 3-5), 10:30 am, Fairfax City Regional Library</p> <p>ALPS meeting, 7:30 pm, Old Town Hall</p>	<p>Be a crossing guard for the City of Fairfax and assist children crossing streets on their way to and from school.</p> <p>For information, call 703-385-7861 or visit the city's web site.</p>			<p>Helpful Phone Numbers</p> <p>City government information 703-385-7855</p> <p>City Newsline 703-273-1776</p> <p>Arts and Cultural Events Line 703-352-ARTS</p> <p>Fairfax City Regional Library 703-293-6227</p> <p>Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center 703-385-8414</p> <p>FHS Sports Line 703-749-8130</p> <p>GMU Events 703-993-1007</p> <p>Information is subject to last-minute change.</p>

The annual Spotlight on the Arts festival will be held April 16 to May 9 in and around Fairfax. For information, call 703-352-ARTS or visit www.fairfaxspotlight.org.



ARTS, CULTURE & RECREATION

Summer Program Registration Begins March 10

Beginning March 10, City of Fairfax residents may register their children in the Summer Playground and Summer Wreck programs for youths in grades 1-7. After April 14, registration will open to non-city residents (space permitting).

Both city and non-city residents may, beginning March 10, register their children for the Sunshine Kidz program (age 3 through pre-kindergarten) and for the Teen Center (grades 8-10).

Programs are held June 28 to August 12 in city schools. The programs offer a wide variety of activities under the supervision of a well-trained staff. For **information**, call **703-385-7858**.

Counselors Sought for Summer Programs

Counselors age 18 and older are sought to work in the city's summer programs organized by the Department of Parks and Recreation. For **information**, call **703-385-7858**.

Independence Day Logo Designs Due March 12

Citizens are invited to submit logo designs by March 12 for the 2004 Independence Day festivities. For **information**, call **703-385-7949**.

Applications for Craft Shows Due March 19

Applications for participation in the 2004 Fall Festival and Holiday Craft Show are due March 19. Applications are available on the city's web site and from the Department of Parks and Recreation. For **information**, call **703-385-7949**.

Boehm Chosen as Parade Grand Marshal; Marchers Sought

William F. Boehm II, chief of the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department, has been chosen as the grand marshal of the 2004 Independence Day Parade. Boehm has been a member of the department since 1976 and, as chief, volunteers about 2,000 hours each year to the City of Fairfax.

The 2004 theme is *Forever the Eagle Soars High*, contributed by Connor, Brendan and Sean McAlevy of St. Leo the Great Catholic School.

Community groups are encouraged to join the celebration by marching in the annual City of Fairfax Independence Day Parade July 3 in downtown Fairfax. Applications are due April 16.

For **information**, call **703-385-7949**.

Teen Center Activities

The Hot Spot Teen Center is open at the Green Acres Center for teens grades 7-10.

Open from 6:30-10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, the center closes when it has scheduled off-site activities.

The center has scheduled a rollerskating trip March 6 and a movie at a theater March 20.

For **information**, call **703-385-7978**.

Take a Little Trip

For **reservations**, call **703-385-7978**.

- Watch the **Washington Wizards** take to the court against the New York Knicks March 7. Cost is \$90 per game.
- Journey March 7 to the **Philadelphia Flower Show** with the theme *Destination Paradise*. Cost is \$45 for adults and \$34 for children ages 2-12.

Classes Offered

For **reservations**, call **703-385-7858**.

- **Seniercise** (begins March 1)
- **Preschool art** (begins March 4)
- **Beginner I/II clogging for youth** (begins March 6)
- **Happy Feet** (begins March 9)
- **Tap II/III** (begins March 10)
- **Clogging II/III** (begins March 10)
- **Step aerobics** (begins March 16)
- **Strength training** (begins March 22)
- **Gentle yoga** (begins March 22)
- **Wee Tumble and Play** (begins March 23)
- **Pilates** (begins March 29)
- **Watercolor** (begins March 31)

For **more information**, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 703-385-7858 (TTY: 703-273-0840).



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